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THE NEXT A. M. A. MEETING.

The next meeting of the A. M. A. will be held at Portland, Oregon, July 11-14, 1905. Applications for membership may be secured at the office of the Society, Room 1, Y. M. C. A. Building, San Francisco.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

On September 30th Dr. W. A. Whitlock, of Merced, was called as a witness in the superior court to give evidence in a case there pending. He gave all of the general evidence asked, but when the attorney for the defendant asked for expert evidence relating to certain facts about a gunshot wound, Dr. Whitlock refused to answer, on the ground that such testimony was expert evidence, and that the witness should receive proper compensation for his time. The court adjudged him in contempt, and sent him to jail, as he persisted in refusing to answer the questions. Later the district attorney visited him in jail and agreed to approve his claim for \$50.00 if he would consent to testify. This he did, and was released. Dr. Whitlock says: "I went to jail to protect the rights of the profession, and would have been there yet if the district attorney had not come to my terms." Certainly, if the facts as reported to the JOURNAL are correct, and we have no reason to doubt them, the physicians of this state are indebted to Dr. Whitlock for his courage in sticking up for his rights and the rights of every expert witness.

In September the oldest medical society in the United States—the Medical Society of New Jersey—commenced publishing its transactions in the shape of a monthly journal, with the title *The Journal of the Medical Society of New Jersey*. Dr. Richard C. Newton, of Montclair, is the editor, and Drs. W. J. Chandler, D. C. English and H. W. Elmer are the members of the publication committee. The appearance, make-up and contents are excellent, and there seems little doubt that the journal will succeed under the able editorial guidance of Dr. Newton. The policy announced by the journal is one of clean and decent advertising, and the chairman of the publication committee writes us that he will do all in his power to see that the advertising pages are kept clean. Too many state society journals have followed the pernicious example of the *Journal of the A. M. A.*, and have accepted pretty much anything offered. We sincerely trust that New Jersey will stick to the policy announced, and keep its self-respect. The society was founded on July 23d, 1766, and has a long and honorable record. We wish the newest state society journal every success, and particularly that it may keep from the unenviable advertising entanglements that the trustees have let the *Journal of the A. M. A.* get into.

In all human probability we have seen the last of the so-called "Chamley case." After dragging its weary way through the courts since August, 1903, decision has **LICENSE REVOKED.** finally been handed down and recorded. The certificate of Dr. S. R. Chamley was revoked by the Board of Examiners at a meeting held August 4th, 1903, under authorization of the act creating the board. There were present at this meeting Drs. Tait, Osborne, Buell, Perce, Thorne, Buteau and Gere, and all voted in favor of the action taken. The action against Dr. Chamley was initiated by Mr. J. M. Nevin, and was based on that portion of the state law printed on page 202 of the sixteenth edition of the Register: "Fourth—All advertising of medical business in which grossly improbable statements are made." Dr. Chamley's advertising statements were certainly "grossly exaggerated," and it is not improbable that he was responsible for the death of a number of unfortunate persons who fell into his hands. In the evidence before the examiners at the session when his certificate was revoked, one witness stated that the death of Mrs. Nevin was probably due to his improper treatment, and that Mr. Nevin suffered a great shock at his wife's death, and that he died very shortly thereafter. The formal complaint in the case cited an advertisement appearing at that time in the *Examiner*, reading: "I will give \$1,000 if I fail to cure any cancer or tumor. . . . A hard lump on the lip, face, or anywhere, is cancer. . . . Any lump in a woman's breast

the utero-sacral ligaments preventing the upper cervix from forward dislocation, a mechanical force which has the effect of sustaining the fundus in anteversion; the utero-pelvic ligaments acting as lateral stays which tend to equalize the work of each utero-sacral ligament and to generally immobilize the cervix.

Of all these mechanical factors which contribute to the support of the uterus the utero-sacral ligaments far exceed the others in relative importance. Let pathologic conditions prevail, however, on account of which these ligaments lose their natural tone and become relaxed, and what happens? The normal plane of the cervix becomes altered and the cervix moves forward and upward towards the anterior vaginal wall, and, as the cervix swings forward, the fundus naturally swings in the opposite direction until, when the cervix occupies an acutely anterior position, the fundus has either turned completely backward, or we find it held partly forward by the round ligaments while the uterus as a whole is retroposed, and the maintenance of this position for any great length of time will so weaken the anterior supportive structures that they will relax sufficiently to permit the fundus to retrovert. The above picture of the gradual stretching out of the utero-sacral ligaments and the consequent production of retroversion I have been able to demonstrate in case after case, and the more I practice pelvic surgery, and the more I study the female pelvis, in both health and disease, the more impressed do I become with the importance of these ligaments as natural factors in maintaining normal uterine equipoise.

The rational operative treatment for the relief of retroversion of the uterus where operative treatment is necessary, consists, in my opinion, in the reconstruction of the natural ligamentary supports which have become relaxed to such a degree as to be no longer supportive. The combined shortening of the utero-sacral and round ligaments intra-abdominally appeals to me as the ideal procedure. The technic is comparatively simple, and the results most satisfactory. At the same time we have opportunity to care for whatever associated pathologic lesions may be present.

The method of shortening the utero-sacral ligaments which I practice is one suggested by A. P. Stoner. The uterus is drawn upward and forward in order to bring the ligaments into prominence, and each ligament is transfixed with a fine silk suture two to two and a half inches from its uterine insertion. Midway between these first sutures and the uterus the ligaments are again pierced with a fine silk suture. After slightly relaxing the traction on the uterus, the first or higher suture is drawn downward and anchored to the uterus and to the uterine attachment of the ligament. The lower suture is drawn upward toward the sacro-iliac junction and attached to its fellow. Thus the ligament is folded upon itself in a three-ply fold. The operation is completed by whipping the folds together with fine chromicized catgut. To promote firmer adhesions between the folds of ligament the edges may be treated with an application of a 1-500 solution of bichloride of mercury; but care should be taken to wipe dry any excess of the solution. The ligaments must be shortened just enough to place the cervix in an easy elevated position. This operation of itself is probably sufficient to hold the uterus securely in place. To make assurance doubly sure, however, it is wise to also shorten the round ligaments by one of the standard methods.

The method of shortening the round ligaments which I prefer is that suggested by J. Clarence Webster, and emphasized by J. M. Baldy, which consists in passing a pair of forceps through each broad ligament from behind, directly opposite the uterine insertion of the round ligament and close to the uterus, pulling through a loop of round ligament on each side,

uniting these two loops with a fine silk suture, and attaching them to the lower posterior surface of the fundus with chromicized catgut.

In both of these maneuvers for shortening the ligaments one should be careful not to inflict any unnecessary trauma, or separate the overlying peritoneum from the ligaments.

DISCUSSION.

Dr. C. Krone, Oakland.—As a paper on the anatomical relations in the pelvis, I admire this paper exceedingly. It can hardly be under-emphasized that we should have these conditions continually in our heads. I also admire this paper very much from the standpoint of a gynecologist. One thing I would like to say in regard to the treatment: I would advocate, under certain circumstances, pelvic massage. I have seen and read about very interesting work in Munich and other places, and I feel quite sure that some cases, especially cases of retroversion and retroflexion, have been materially benefited by pelvic massage. I do not mean vaginal massage. There are great objections to pelvic massage because it is through the vaginal outlet, but great results can be obtained, and should be encouraged in selected cases. When constipation for years seems to be a symptom that can be ascribed to anything except retroversion of the uterus, I have found good results from massage for three or four weeks. When the ligaments are relaxed and do not hold the ovaries in the proper place, we can replace the ovaries. Even with cysts of the ovaries, which encourage us to immediate abdominal section, I think pelvic massage of these cysts is very good when you can exclude infection. The breaking of these cysts is done in a gentle way, and infection can probably not occur. I have seen dilated ovarian tubes aspirated, and with this dilation and disturbance I have also seen retroversion and retroflexion improved.

Dr. Wakefield.—I agree with Dr. Krone. This paper does not recommend operative procedure in all cases. General pelvic treatment should be given a faithful trial. I have practiced the manipulation suggested, and have found it most useful. I wish to impress upon your minds the fact that the utero-sacral ligaments are the important ones to be considered. I can tell, whenever I draw the cervix well down and feel the condition of these ligaments, whether the case will probably yield to palliative measures or whether it will be necessary to resort to operative procedures. They are very firm, fibrous bands, with very definite anatomic position. It is very easy to feel them, very easy to massage them and apply electricity to them, and very easy to shorten them by operative manipulation.

The Advertisements in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

The following editorial appeared in the August number of the California State Journal of Medicine, published by the Medical Society of the State of California, and edited by Dr. Philip Mills Jones. (Here follows the editorial from the August JOURNAL on the trustees of the A. M. A. and their conduct of the A. M. A. Journal.)

It is generally admitted by practically all members of the medical profession having average ethical sense that the advertising pages of the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, the representative and foremost medical journal of America, are a discredit to the organization, of which it is the official organ, and the arraignment by Dr. Jones is legitimate sequence to the course so long pursued by the trustees. May the journal of the Medical Society of the State of Pennsylvania never merit such an arraignment as this.—*Pennsylvania Medical Journal*.

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